

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 1-3, 6-10 and 12-14 have been cancelled without prejudice in response to the election requirement and claim 4 has been amended.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 4-5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 4 to overcome the Examiner's rejection thereto. Claims 5 and 11 depend on claim 4 and the amendment to claim 4 thus overcomes the rejection to claims 5 and 11. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to such claims, which are believed to now be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected claims 4-5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being

obvious over Vawter, Shibuya or Yamashita. Applicants have amended the claims to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, the rejection to such claims over this art is now moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to such claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

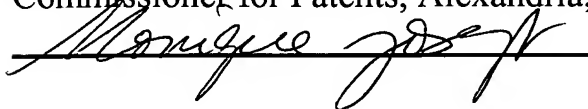
Respectfully Submitted,



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